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SUBJECT: HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR CAMBODIANS AND SOUTH
VIETNAMESE

REF: PARIS 10488

FOR AMBASSADOR RUSH FROM DEAN BROWN

1. I REGRET THE DELAY IN RESPONDING TO YOUR CABLE, BUT AS
YOU CAN IMAGINE THE PRESSURES HERE ARE INTENSE AND I WANTED
TO GIVE YOU THE CONSIDERED REPLY YOUR MESSAGE MERITS.

2. I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR SENSITIVITY TO THE USE OF THE
TERM "FAIR SHARE" BUT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THIS IS ALSO
A MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE SENSITIVITY IN THE CONGRESS, WHICH
MUST BE TAKEN ACCOUNT OF IF WE ARE TO GET THE RESOURCES
TO DO THE THINGS YOU ARE SEEKING. I AM SURE THAT GIVEN THE
HISTORICAL CLOSE TIES BETWEEN FRANCE AND INDOCHINA, THE
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GOF WILL BE GENEROUS IN ASSISTING CAMBODIANS AND VIETNAMESE.

3. AS YOU KNOW, LEGISLATION PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES STIPULATES THAT TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE THIS SHOULD BE DONE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. IT HAS TAKEN SOME

TIME TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS WITH THESE GROUPS FOR SUCH LARGE-SCALE PROGRAMS (SEE STATE 097854 FOR EXAMPLE), AND AS YOUKNOW, THE LEGISLATION STILL HAS NOT PASSED (ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT IT THIS WEEK). THIS ACCOUNTS FOR SOME OF THE TEMPORIZING RESPONSES YOU HAVE BEEN RECEIVING.

4. IN ADDITION, WE EXPECT THE UNHCR AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM) WILL BE LOCATING RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THOSE EVACUATED TO GUAM. ICEM IS COOPERATING FULLY AND WE HOPE THAT UNHCR WILL FOLLOW SUIT (FYI: UNHCR INDICATES THAT RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS IN THIRD COUNTRIES SUCH AS FRANCE POSE LESS OF A PROBLEM TO HIM THAN THOSE ON GUAM. THEREFORE UNHCR MIGHT BE RESPONSIVE TO ANY FUTURE FRENCH REQUEST. END FYI) KISSINGER

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